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SUBJ: ICAO: COUNCIL CONSIDERATION LAW OF THE SEA DRAFT (CWP 6479)

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- 1. COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS CONSUMED ENTIRE MEETING MARCH 28.
 ALL INTERVENTIONS PREFERRED ICAO OBSERVER NOT REPEAT
 NOT INTERVENE IN LAW OF SEA CONFERENCE DELIBERATIONS
 (ARGENTINA, UK, INDONESIA, BRAZIL, COSTA RICA, US,
 YUGOSLAVIA, USSR, NIGERIA, PAKISTAN, AUSTRALIA, MEXICO).
 ITALY FOR NO SPECIFIC REASON, INDICATED SOME "FLEXIBILITY"
 MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE IN ALLOWING ICAO OBSERVER TO COMMENT
 BUT NOT PLAY ACTIVE ROLE. HE POINTED OUT THAT "ICAO
 MUST NOT BE TOO LATE" IN PREVENTING CONFLICTS
 BETWEEN NEW LOS CONVENTION AND CHICAGO CONVENTION ON AVIATION.
 MOROCCO AND LEBANON INDICATED THEY COULD BE "FLEXIBLE" LIKE
 ITALY.
- 2. FOLLOWING INTERVENTIONS WHICH CLEARLY INDICATED CONSENSUS FOR RETAINING STATUS QUO (I.E., NO PARTICIPATION BY ICAO UNCLASSIFIED

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OBSERVER), PRESIDENT/COUNCIL MADE "SUGGESTION" THAT OBSERVER BE ALLOWED TO MAKE "PURELY FACTUAL PRESENTATION TO 6TH LOS SESSION". HE WAS CRITICIZED (AND ATTACKED BY MEXICO) FOR PURSUING AN APPROACH CONTRARY TO COUNCIL WISHES. ULTIMATELY COUNCIL WENT ALONG WITH IDEA IF REPEAT IF FACTUAL STATEMENT TO BE PRESENTED COULD BE CIRCULATED TO COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL FIRST, WHICH WILL BE DONE.

- 3. FYI: ICAO OBSERVER AND INDONESIA REP (WHO SPOKE POSITIVELY OF HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE LAST LOS CONFERENCE AND HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH US AND USSR DELEGATIONS THERE) INDICATED THAT LOS NEGOTIATIONS ARE "PACKAGE DEAL" AND VERY COMPLICATED AND ICAO SHOULD NOT BECOME DIRECTLY INVOLVED. HOWEVER IT WAS CLEAR FROM THESE AND OTHERS INTERVENTIONS THAT THE CHICAGO CONVENTION AND AVIATION RAMIFICATIONS ARE NOT BEING ADEQUATELY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BY THE LOS CONFERENCE.
- 4. US REP HAS BEEN CONCERNED IN THIS REGARD FOR SOME TIME AND WISHES TO REITERATE THAT IF ICAO IS NOT TO PARTICIPATE THEN IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT DELEGATIONS LIKE US BE WELL PREPARED REGARDING CHICAGO CONVENTION CONFLICTS AND ESPECIALLY USER CHARGE IMPLICATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE ECONOMIC ZONE VERSUS HIGH SEAS QUESTION, AND THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ICAO MEMBER STATES FOR PROVIDING SEARCH AND RESCUE AND OTHER SERVICES OVER "TERRITORIAL WATERS". WE COULD FIND THE "ECONOMIC ZONE" TO BE A NEW EXCUSE FOR GOVERNMENTS LIKE CANADA AND UK TO CHARGE AIRCRAFT FOR AIR TRAFFIC SERVICES WHERE THEY ARE NOT NOW ALLOWED TO CHARGE "OVER HIGH SEAS" ETC. US REP WISHES ASSURANCE THAT THESE MATTERS ARE RECEIVING APPROPRIATE ATTENTION BY OFFICES BACKSTOPPING THIS MISSION AND LOS DELEGATION. END FYI.
- 5. INDIA IN COUNCIL RAISED QUESTION OF EXPLOITATION OF "ENERGY FROM THE WATER, CURRENTS, AND WINDS". THE QUESTION OF "WINDS" RAISES THE QUESTION OF AIRSPACE IN ECONOMIC ZONE. HAS THIS BEEN CONSIDERED? UNCLASSIFIED

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6. US REP WILL SUBMIT PROPOSED ICAO OBSERVER STATEMENT WHEN RECEIVED. HARPER

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